

COLLECTIONS ARE
COMING IN FAST

PAST WEEK GOOD SHOWING HAS
BEEN MADE BY TAX MAN—
ONLY \$1,000 BEHIND 1914.

If People Are Prompt Each Year in
Paying Up, Annual Town Levy
Can Be Eliminated.

If all residents of this city paid their taxes promptly at the tax collector's office in the State bank building before the books were taken to the court house, there would be no need of assessing a town tax, such as in the case this year, when 4 per cent was levied on each \$100 valuation. For the past three years no town tax has been necessary, as the 2 per cent of the receipts at the collector's office has gone to the supervisor and has been sufficient to finance the needs of the township. If all taxes were paid at the office before the books were taken to the county treasurer's office, the township would receive approximately \$3,000 and an additional \$900 on the dog tax. Of this amount, \$1,500 goes to pay the tax collector's expenses.

Only \$1,000 Behind.
For the past week money has been coming in faster at the collector's office, and the figures now are only \$1,000 behind those in 1914.

The total amount of taxes collected for the same period in the last two years follows:
Previous total, 1914.....\$25,776.64
Previous total, 1915.....\$9,449.46
1915—
Feb. 16.....\$2,435.78
Feb. 17.....2,520.02
Feb. 18.....2,259.43
Feb. 19.....2,522.68

Total.....\$46,032.55
1915—
Feb. 15.....\$1,574.82
Feb. 16.....5,977.74
Feb. 17.....2,275.81
Feb. 18.....6,887.56
Total.....\$45,265.79

OBITUARY

Funeral of Mrs. Kuester.
The funeral of Mrs. Isabel Kuester will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock from St. Joseph's church. Dean J. J. Quinn will have charge of the services with interment in Calvary cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. Girton.
The funeral of Mrs. Martha Girton, a resident of this county for nearly half a century, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late home in Milan. Rev. Alfred Dixon of Milan had charge of the services. Burial was in Chippianock cemetery.

Chandler Funeral.
The remains of Edward P. Chandler arrived in Rock Island at an early hour this morning from Denver, Colo.

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George Chandler, a brother of the deceased, accompanied the body. Funeral services will be conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of George Chandler, 1036 Fifteenth street, Rev. M. E. Chatley officiating with interment in Chippianock cemetery.

SUES CONTRACTOR
ALLEGING BREACH

COUNTY COURT HEARING CASE
OF W. C. LUKENS AGAINST
OLOF SWANSON.

While it is usually the case in a damage suit for the contractor to sue the patron, the matter on hearing before Judge Nels A. Larson and a jury in county court today is just the reverse.
William C. Lukens of South Rock Island, is asking \$150 damages on a breach of contract from Olof Swanson of this city, a well contractor.
Mr. Lukens claims that Mr. Swanson dug the well and that he paid him on the contract. The plaintiff also claims that in the contract a certain amount of water flow was guaranteed and that this failed to develop. It was thought that the case would go to the jury this afternoon.

ICE STARTS MOVING BUT
IS HELD AT THE BRIDGE

The ice started to move again in the Mississippi river at Seventeenth street yesterday afternoon and drifted down to Twelfth street. The crystal still holds from this point to the boat yards, but the stream is open from the boat yards, as far west as one can see. When the ice floated out of Rock river Wednesday, it caused the crystal to loosen at the mouth and started it out of the Mississippi below. At this time the river is free from ice from LeClaire to Twelfth street, with the exception of a small space at the draw pier of the big government bridge, where the ice is still sticking. The river dropped about 2 1/2 inches, but the stage is still above the nine foot mark.

Several hundred tons of the crystal was deposited on the levee near Seventeenth when the ice moved down yesterday.

R. I. CARDINALS NAME
FURLONG AS MANAGER

The Rock Island Cardinals Baseball club held its annual meeting last night at the home of Bob Ackley, 847 Twenty-first street, and made plans for the coming season. Will Furlong, manager, and Bob Ackley, captain, were both reelected. The club had a successful season last year and the prospects for 1915 are exceedingly bright. The management has four new players under consideration to strengthen the lineup this year. They are: McMullin, Roy, Dempsey and Kipp.

TO HOLD "FARMERS' DAY"
AT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

Tomorrow is "Farmers' Day" again at the Illinois Free Employment office in the Safety building. Last Tuesday 16 farm hands were given employment out of 160 that applied. The farmers are urged to come to the office either on Tuesday or Saturday of each week. If they need help, this plan was successfully carried out last spring by Superintendent Cornelius Donovan.

URGE RAISING OF
SCHOOL STANDARD

F. G. BLAIR, STATE SUPERINTENDENT, ASKS OFFICERS TO GET AWAY "LOG CABIN" IDEAS.

State's Attorney Floyd Thompson Also Addresses Gathering—Organization Committee Named.

Francis G. Blair, state superintendent of public schools, in an address to the school officers of this county in Memorial hall in the court house this morning, urged the standardizing of all rural schools, by equipping these institutions according to the outlines established by the department of education of Illinois.

Mr. Blair, himself a former scholar in a rural institution, clearly discussed the numerous phases of country school life and throughout his talk made many suggestions which would improve the results accomplished in the country schools and give the children a more contented spirit while at school work.

He touched on the need of well lighted school rooms, better ventilation, desks suitable to the size of the pupils and urged that in these features the school officers should attempt to get away from the ideas in vogue during the old log cabin school days.

Should Pay Tuition.
State's Attorney Floyd Thompson also addressed the meeting. Mr. Thompson gained his early education in the country schools and he urged that each district have a truancy officer.

The point on which he dwelt the longest was the payment by the district of the tuition for a student living within its bounds, who attends a high school in a nearby city. Mr. Thompson stated that there appeared to be a reluctance on the part of some officials to do this, but pointed to the supreme court decision which held that this law was valid.

The more prominent display of the American flag, to instill patriotism in the student, was also advocated by the state's attorney. He said that no school should be without a flag, which should be unfurled on holidays and the significance of the occasion thus be more greatly impressed on the boys and girls.

It was shortly before noon when the two speakers concluded their addresses, and Miss Lou M. Harris, county superintendent of schools, who presided at the session, then took initial steps to permanently organize the Rock Island County School Officers' association.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, only a committee was appointed to take up the preliminary plans in forming the association. Another meeting will likely be called soon.

CHURCHES UNITE FOR
REVIVAL SERVICES

The congregation of the Second Christian church joined that of the Memorial Christian church last evening in the evangelistic services conducted by Rev. John T. Houser of Davenport, a large audience listening to a powerful sermon. A deep interest is manifest in the worship and the meetings are reaping splendid results in increased spirituality and attendance upon divine services. Miss Esther Thulin pleased wonderfully well with her songs which are a feature of the meetings. This evening members of the congregation of the Moline church and the Fifteenth Avenue church will participate in the meetings.

AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Over sixty acceptances have come in for the banquet to be held at the Y. M. C. A. this evening by the Sunday School Basketball league. The winners in the senior division will be presented with the prize. Last year the Swedish Lutheran Senior team and the Baptist Juniors landed on top and the Broadway team will no doubt win the pennant this year and the Baptist again cop it in the Junior division.

The Life Study club held its second meeting last evening with a good increase in attendance over last week, they having the same number of men present as the dormitory club. The discussions are proving to be interesting and profitable.

The Young Men's Gymnasium class will meet at 6:30 this evening because of the high school game which is to take place in the gym.

The Rock Island Y. M. C. A. Business Men's Volleyball team went to Moline the other night and gave the team from that city a scare, but Moline won two out of three games from the local men. There will be a return series held in the gym here next Thursday at which period the Rock Island team except to make it three straight, just for the come-back effect it will have on the Moline bunch. These games are free and will start at 5:15 sharp.

The class to be started in show card writing at the Y. M. C. A. will meet next Tuesday night to arrange details and decide on a definite evening for meeting. This class is to meet once a week for ten weeks and will be taught by Paul Hinze.

A small charge is made to those who enter this class, but it will not be large enough to keep any one from joining.

Any one interested in this subject is invited to come to this meeting next Tuesday night.

The dormitory men at the Y. M. C.

A held their second study conference last night. Dr. J. W. Stewart was the speaker. The attendance was larger than the first night and next week it is expected that there will be still more men present.

STATE WORKERS
HOLD INSTITUTE

MESSRS. CORK, SHEPHERD AND MISS STOOKER HERE INTEREST SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Hugh Cork, Charles E. Schenck and Dr. R. P. Shepherd and Miss Stooker, all of Chicago, will be in Rock Island next Monday night and all day Tuesday for the purpose of conducting a Sunday school institute on administration, leadership, instruction, program plans, etc.

Monday night Mr. Cork will give his stereoscopic lecture on the "World's Sunday School Convention at Zurich," at the West End Settlement. This is the same lecture given by him at the county convention of 1913, at the Settlement, and is very fine, hence its repetition there. It is free, of course, as are all the sessions of the institute and all are invited.

Tuesday's meetings will all be held at the Rock Island Y. M. C. A. beginning at 9:00 a. m. and again at 1:00 p. m., and will be institutes intended especially for county and township officers. It is expected that officers from counties surrounding Rock Island county will be in attendance at these meetings.

On Tuesday night, these state workers will meet in conjunction with the Rock Island Community Training school at the "Y," and all Sunday school people are invited to be present.

Mr. Cork is general secretary for the Illinois Sunday School association. Mr. Schenck is field worker. Miss Stooker is state superintendent of the elementary division and Dr. Shepherd is superintendent of the educational department, all with the Illinois State association, and there are no better authorities to be found in this field of work.

UCAL LODGE CONFERS THE
SECOND DEGREE ON SEVEN

The second degree was conferred upon seven candidates at a meeting of Ucal lodge No. 608, I. O. O. F., held last night at Odd Fellows' hall.

It was also announced that Feb. 21 was the next "Go to Church" Sunday, and that the Odd Fellows will attend evening services at the First Methodist church. Dr. O. T. Dwinell will deliver a special sermon for the occasion.

BAKERS LOSE HOPE OF
SECURING AN INCREASE

All hope of increasing the retail price of bread from five to six cents have been dropped by the master bakers, at least for the present. The bakers of Moline and Rock Island failed to get together on the plan, and although two meetings were held, nothing was accomplished.

At the last meeting only three showed up. It is said that the bakers who have a large amount of flour on hand, bought at low prices, do not feel the increase in the price of wheat, but will probably become more interested in the plan when they are forced to buy flour at top prices. No effort whatever is being made at the present time to hold another meeting.

PERSONAL POINTS

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Saunders, who have spent the winter with their son, George H. Saunders, left for Monmouth yesterday morning.

New York has a city law requiring the muzzling of all dogs. Mrs. Chas. Edward Knoblauch, suffragist and member of the Kennel club, owner of "Kuriki," a Boston bull, has openly defied the law and will test the right of the city to require the muzzling of dogs. She will try to prove the ordinance unconstitutional.

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\$15 and \$18 Overcoats now reduced to	\$10
\$20 to \$25 " " " " " "	\$15

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coats, 20%; Boys' suits and
o'coats, 25%

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\$1.95 trousers.....\$1.50	\$4.00 and \$4.50 trousers.....\$3.99
\$2.50 trousers.....\$2.19	\$5.00 trousers.....\$4.50
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WOMAN LOSES IN
DIVORCE ATTEMPT

MRS. MINNIE B. GRAY FAILS TO
PROVE THAT HER SPOUSE
TREATED HER CRUELY.

On Motion of Husband's Attorney
Judge Ramsay Instructs Jury to
Find Verdict for Defendant.

Mrs. Minnie B. Gray, Moline, was unsuccessful in her attempt to secure a divorce from her husband, William J. Gray, on a charge of cruelty. Shortly before noon today Judge F. D. Ramsay in circuit court instructed the jury to return a verdict finding the defendant not guilty of the charges preferred by Mrs. Gray in her bill.

The hearing of the case started yesterday morning and proved sensational in spots. This morning the husband concluded putting on his own evidence and then Attorney G. A. Shalberg, counsel for Mr. Gray, made a motion that the court take the case from the jury which was allowed.

Mother Coached Girl?
The case for the woman was materially weakened by testimony given by the daughter, Leona, aged 15 years, who yesterday afternoon testified, but what she said tended to disprove any charge of cruelty on the part of the husband. The testimony she gave was a complete surprise to Attorney Ben Stewart, counsel for Mrs. Gray. She admitted that she had made contradictory statements to the attorney at his office, but claimed that her mother had coached her what to say and that it was not the truth.

ASKING BIG GUNS
FOR THE COASTS

GARRISON WANTS THEM TO OUT-CLASS ANY THAT CAN BE OPPOSED TO THEM.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—Guns of greater range and power than any that could be arrayed against them were asked for American coast defenses in a report of the army board submitted by Secretary Garrison and just made public by the house appropriations committee.

The board's report said it found: "That the old type 12-inch guns and mortars are not equal in range and power to major calibre guns afloat; "That by such minor changes in the carriage of the old type 12-inch guns at present employed as will permit an elevation of 15 degrees, and by the provision of a certain proportion of lighter projectiles of approximately 700 pounds weight, an effective range of about 20,000 yards can be given these guns; that these changes should be made.

"That the great majority of our 14-inch guns, with certain slight changes which have already been ordered and by the supply of a portion of the projectiles of lighter weight than the

heaviest now furnished, are suitable in power and range to meet any that may now be brought against them."

The report urged that a policy should be adopted of providing, through annual appropriations, for such modernization of fortifications as will result in keeping pace with the improvement in armament afloat, and further recommended:

"That wherever it may be necessary to construct new works, especially at important points, such as the entrance of our principal harbors, naval bases, etc., the major calibre guns should be at least a 16-inch 45-calibre gun, mounted so as to have the greatest possible protection, and an all around fire where it may be necessary to have such fire.

"That the mortars to be installed in future should be of not less than 12-inch calibre, with a range of at least 21,000 yards.

"The general policy with reference to seacoast defenses should be to have the armament there employed of greater range and power than any which can be brought against it."

Secretary Garrison's statement to the committee reviewed the program for construction of coast defenses which he said would require \$40,000,000.

"The project as revised to date," he said, "calls for 1,301 guns and mortars of calibres from 3-inch to 16-inch, inclusive. Of this number 1,184, or 91

per cent, have been provided for, all of which except 16 are now mounted in fortifications. There remains to be appropriated for 117 guns and mortars."

For the coast guns the secretary said the allowance of ammunition was based on a quantity sufficient for a two-hour engagement for half the total number of weapons mounted.

Lessons of the European war, Mr. Garrison added, had demonstrated that aeroplanes were absolutely essential for scouting, and that automobiles were important in transportation.

In a review of the workings of coast defenses, he said:

"It would not only be impracticable to defend with sea coast fortifications all of the possible landing places upon the coast of the United States, but it has been considered that the country possesses abundant resources for dealing with any force which may set foot upon its shores, if it sees fit to organize them and make them ready for use, and that in forcing an enemy to the character of operations involving the transportation of troops and their equipment and supplies the coast fortifications enormously increase the magnitude of the task of an enemy attempting to inflict material damage upon the United States over what it would be if such damage could be inflicted by means of a raid of fighting ships alone."

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1 can of "Pet" milk for.....	25c
2 cans asparagus for.....	25c
Large can pears.....	10c
Large can peaches.....	10c
Large can sweet potatoes, 2 for.....	25c
Pineapples, sliced or grated, 25c can for.....	19c
String beans.....	25c
2 cans.....	25c
15 cans salmon.....	25c
2 cans.....	25c
Pineapples, grated or sliced, 25c can.....	19c
Toilet paper, 3 rolls.....	10c
Parsnips, peck.....	25c
Carrots, peck.....	25c
Red onions, peck.....	25c
Large cranberries, 2 quarts.....	15c
2 cans tomatoes.....	15c
2 cans kidney beans.....	25c
3 cans corn.....	25c
3 cans Early June peas.....	25c
Pumpkin, 3 cans.....	25c
Green string beans, 2 cans.....	25c
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